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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited foreign patent documents are enclosed. Submission of these references is not an admission that the references constitute prior art. Also enclosed are copies of the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority from International Application No. PCT/EP2004/014776.

Of the listed references, Cite Nos. 3, 4 and 5 were mentioned in the International Search Report and discussed in the Written Opinion and Cite Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8 and 9. were

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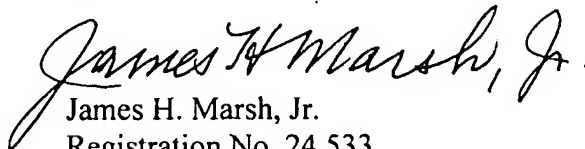
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discussed in the present application at page 4 of the specification. Cite No. 1 is a counterpart of Cite No. 4.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed references be made of record in the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner during prosecution of the application.

This information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is due.

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